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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the allocation of funds under the Jobs and Education for
- 3 Texans (JET) Grant Program.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 7 (c) The commission shall allocate at least 25 percent of the
- 8 funds available for grants under this chapter in a state fiscal year
- 9 to grants to public junior colleges, public technical institutes,
- 10 public state colleges, and independent school districts all or part
- 11 of which are located in a county that has an unemployment rate that
- 12 is greater than the state average unemployment rate, a per capita
- 13 <u>income that is less than the state average per capita income, and a</u>
- 14 per capita poverty rate exceeding 1-1/2 times the per capita state
- 15 poverty rate. The commission shall adopt rules to administer this
- 16 subsection, including for identifying entities that qualify for
- 17 grants under this subsection.
- 18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with grants awarded
- 19 for the state fiscal year that begins September 1, 2020.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.